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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FERRIS AWARDED GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

CHARLESTON -- Julie Ferris, daughter of Charles Ferris of Savanna, has been accepted into the doctorate program in communication studies at the University of Iowa.

In addition, Ferris was awarded one of only six teaching positions with a stipend. Ranked number one in the nation for rhetorical studies, the granting of assistantships at the university is extremely competitive and is based on GRE test scores, overall application and a writing sample.

Ferris is currently a graduate student majoring in speech communication at Eastern Illinois University. She is a 1992 graduate of Savanna Junior/Senior High School.